

CULTURAL STUDIES

MPhil/PhD Cultural Studies

Admission to the MPhil

Candidates for the MA degree who have successfully completed their coursework component with an average grade of 60% or more may be allowed to upgrade to the MPhil degree after successful completion of an upgrade seminar. Candidates may enroll for the MPhil on a full-time or part-time basis.

Candidates admitted directly to the MPhil programme are required to register for the two-semester course CLTR 6030 (8 credits), 2 Core Courses and 2 seminars.

Candidates who may have taken the required courses for the MA will be allowed to use those credits towards the MPhil degree, providing that they register for the MPhil within a reasonable number of years (not more than five) after completing the MA.

Admission to the PhD

UWI graduates in possession of the MA degree by coursework and/or the MPhil degree in the Cultural Studies or related discipline in which the average coursework mark is 60% or better will be accepted to register for the PhD degree. Graduates from other recognized tertiary institutions who hold equivalent qualifications may be allowed to register for the PhD degree.

Candidates admitted directly to the PhD programme are required to register for the two-semester course CLTR 6030 (8 credits), 2 Core Courses and 3 seminars.

Alternatively, students currently studying at UWI for the MPhil degree who have

- Successfully defended a thesis Proposal of a scope and depth deemed worthy of an upgrade and
- Consistently produced work of a standard, in the opinion of their Supervisor, to merit an upgrade, may be allowed to transfer to the PhD programme.

Seminar

Each candidate will present at least two (2) seminars (MPhil)/ three (3) seminars (PhD) before a panel consisting of members of staff in the discipline and other interested parties.

Thesis Proposal

Candidates will be required to present and defend a Thesis Proposal of acceptable scope and quality for the MPhil/PhD degree.

Thesis

MPhil candidates are required to research and submit a thesis (40,000 - 50,000 words, exclusive of notes and bibliography) on a topic approved by the Committee of Supervisors. PhD candidates are required to

research and write a thesis (80,000 words, exclusive of notes and bibliography).

Time Limits – MPhil

Full-time direct entry MPhil candidates will have up to three (3) calendar years to complete all of the degree requirements.

Full-time students who upgrade to MPhil from the MA programme must complete the degree requirements within two (2) calendar years of the start of the programme. Part-time MPhil candidates will have up to five (5) years to complete the same requirements.

Time Limits – PhD

Full-time PhD candidates must complete these requirements within four (4) calendar years of the start of the programme while part-time PhD candidates have up to seven (7) years to complete the same requirements.

Award of the Degree

The successful completion of the coursework (where necessary), the compulsory Seminar Presentations and the thesis will lead to the award of the MPhil or PhD degree.

LIST OF COURSES

GRSM 6000 MPhil Research Seminar 1

GRSM 6001 MPhil Research Seminar 2

CLTR 6695 MPhil Cultural Studies Thesis

GRSM 8001 PhD Research Seminar 1

GRSM 8002 PhD Research Seminar 2

GRSM 8003 PhD Research Seminar 3

CLTR 8000 PhD Cultural Studies Thesis
